Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 06:00 on Thursday 21 Sep 2023 until 23:59 on Friday 22 Sep 2023

Forecast Issued on Thursday 21 Sep 2023 at 03:59 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for Thursday until Saturday. Low for extent of any persistent rain on Sunday and Monday.

Headline for Thursday 21 Sep 2023: Cold and windy with outbreaks of heavy rain.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 21 Sep 2023

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales Low Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Low Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Medium Likelihood
Thunderstorms Low Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** Medium Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain
Precipitation probability					
70%	70%	70%	60%	50%	50%

Forecast for Thursday 21 Sep 2023

Weather: A cloudy day with showers merging in longer spells of rain. Small chance of an isolated thunderstorm. Arran seeing the best of the drier weather in the morning. Cold and windy at height.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 40%

Low Cloud and visibility: Poor in areas of cloud between 700 and 900 metres.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	47/56 SW	33/41 SW	30/38 SW	25/33 SW	20/26 SW	19/24 SW	18/23 W
900	32/41 SW	25/33 SW	23/31 SW	20/27 SW	16/22 W	12/17 W	13/18 W
600	42/51 SW	32/39 SW	26/34 SW	24/31 SW	18/24 SW	13/18 SW	13/17 SW
300	22/30 SW	17/25 SW	16/25 SW	12/18 SW	10/16 SW	7/11 SW	7/11 W
Glen	15/30 SW	12/24 SW	12/23 SW	10/21 SW	8/16 SW	6/14 W	7/14 W

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
1300	2/-7	2/-5	3/-4	3/-4	3/-3	2/-3	2/-3
900	4/-2	5/-1	5/0	5/0	5/0	5/1	5/1
600	6/-0	7/1	7/2	7/2	7/3	7/3	7/3
300	9/5	9/5	10/6	10/7	9/7	9/7	8/7
Glen	10/8	11/8	11/9	12/10	11/9	10/9	10/9
Freezing Level*	1600m	1600m	1700m	1700m	1600m	1600m	1600m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Early gales and notable wind chill on the higher tops. Burns are likely to be in full spate following recent heavy rain.

Forecast for Friday 22 Sep 2023
Weather: A cold and often cloudy day with scattered showers, these tending to die away through the evening. Any showers in the evening will turn wintry across the higher tops.

Maximum wind: Northwesterly average speeds of 25 mph with gusts to 40 mph

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 50%, cloud is expected to shroud the higher tops for some lengthy periods. The Trossachs, Arran and southern Kintyre may see less in the way of cloud as the afternoon progresses.

Low Cloud and visibility: Poor in areas of low cloud between 700 and 900 metres, otherwise excellent visibility outside of cloud

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 6 rising to 14 Celsius
At 800m: Plus 6 Celsius, falling to plus 2 Celsius later
Freezing level: Above summits, falling to 1200 metres later in the day

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